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The sign of hostilities schemed by puppet North Korean regime after the April 19 Revolution.

The puppet premier KIM, Il Song is calling for the party members to devote maximum effort to political activities (suggesting a propaganda offensive against South Korea) with a view to secure political initiative and all military personnel's possession of strong pride as statesmen by means of taking a favorable attitude (mainly in the domain of propaganda) for the purpose of securing political superiority, since free passage between south and north is expected to be realized within a minimum of one to two years or maximum of three to four years, considering the current political trends.

He emphasized that within the period not exceeding ten years, Korean unification is to be realized, like the situation of immediate post-liberation.

Around the end of May, after the April 19 Democratic Revolution, the ranking officers in charge of political affairs summoned all of the officers of the 26th Regiment, 2nd Division, and gave them lectures on the domestic political affairs.

These lectures are one of the political activities conducted as an emergent countermeasure after the April 19 Revolution.

In conformity with the instruction of North Korean Ministry of Defense, the political indoctrination was given throughout the entire military commands for fifteen minutes prior to the beginning of straight time, every morning on international and domestic affairs, pointing out that the South Korean people are yearning for Socialism, considering the demonstrations staged by the South Korean peoples during the April 19 Revolution.

Since the United States forces will withdraw from Korean territory within one or two years at most, free passage between south and north will be realized by means of political negotiations with revolution strength and people in south Korea, after the withdrawal of U. S. forces.

In case the political negotiations are disturbed by the south Korean reactionists, the North Korean People's Army will not hesitate to adopt subversive activities that imply the provocation of hostilities.

Each North Korean airfield placed two squadrons on alert since July 1959, under the order of the Commanding General, North Korean Air Force. Especially after the April 19 Revolution, pilots attached to certain fighter regiments were prohibited to drink wine as well as to go out, even on Sunday.

By reinforcement of ammunition (four times that of prior April 19 Revolution), the North Korean Air Force unceasingly prepares for combat readiness, and they excuse it as the emergent defense measure against possible ROK provocative activities.

North Korea's slogan "the completion of combat readiness" appeared since early 1959, and after 1960, the word "completion" was emphasized, and its movement was overtly distinguished. [redacted] this decision had been adopted after the plenary conference of military personnel subordinated to the North Korean Ministry of Defense. Consequently, it was decided to establish the target to complete combat readiness within 1960. In this effort, every effort was made in the following areas, prior to the targets to secure top-level technicians who were mainly trained and politically indoctrinated.

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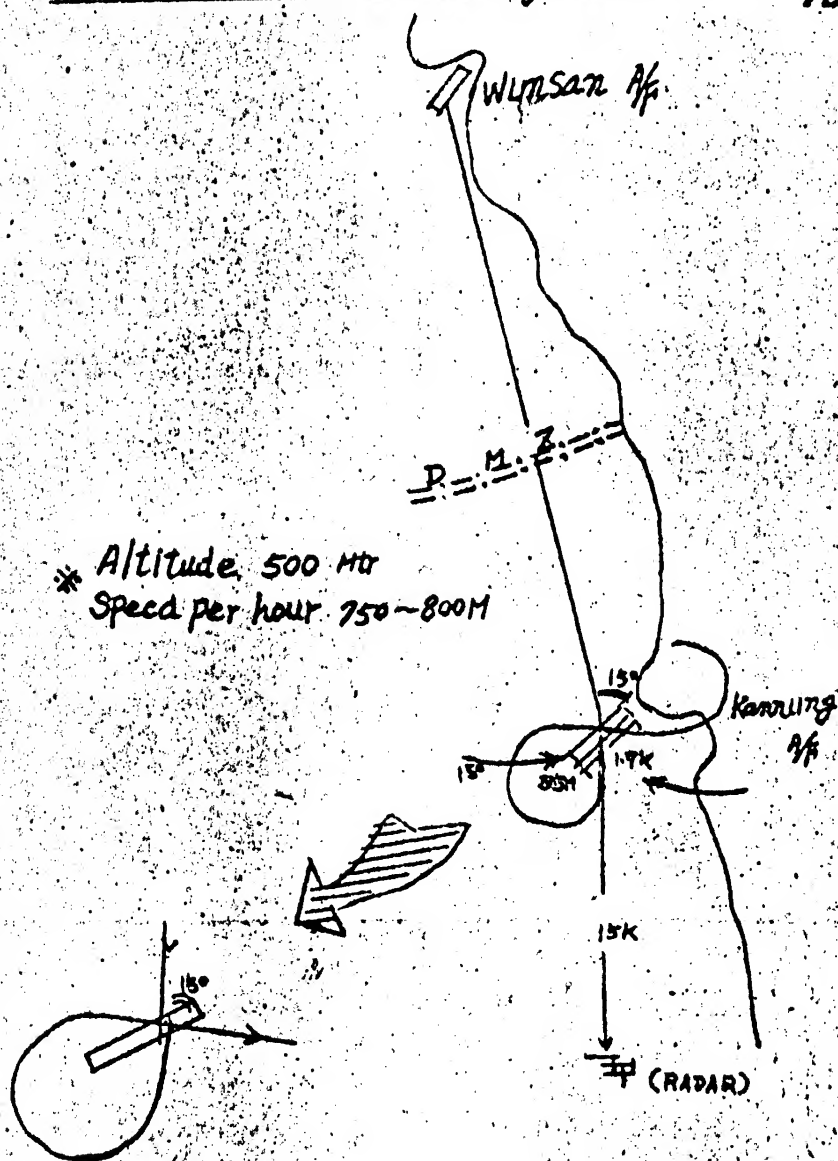
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Sketch of Attacking Route against Kanning A/B

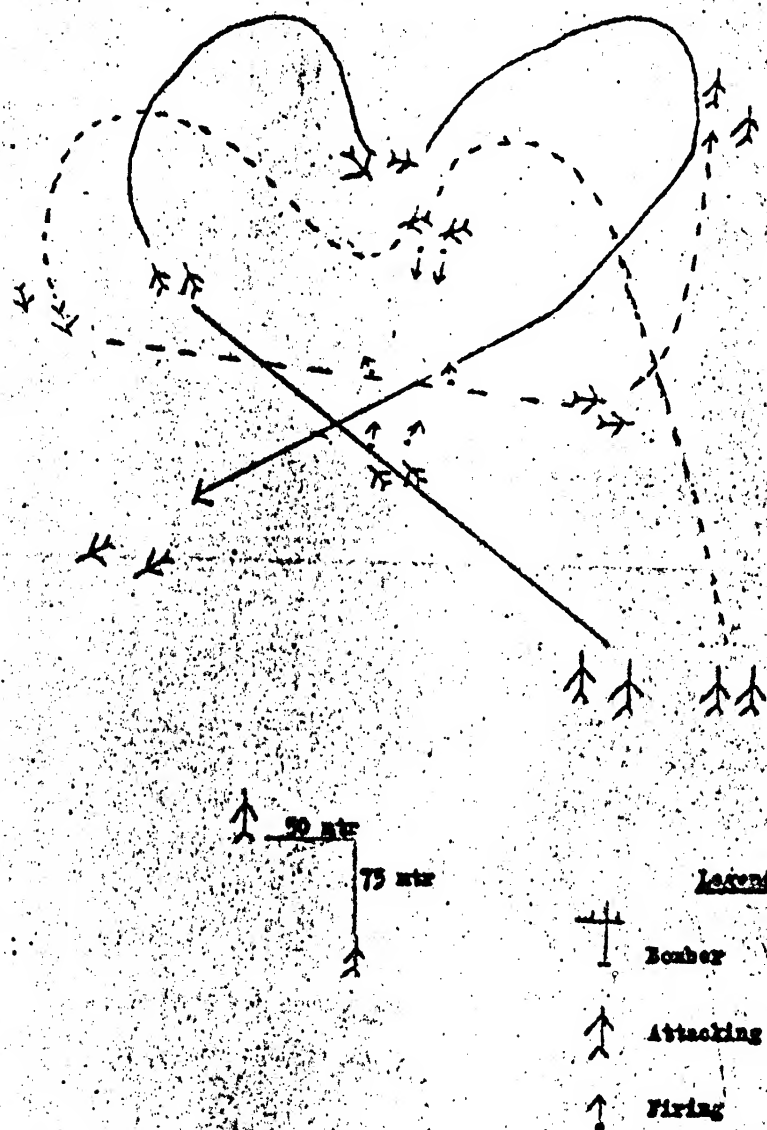


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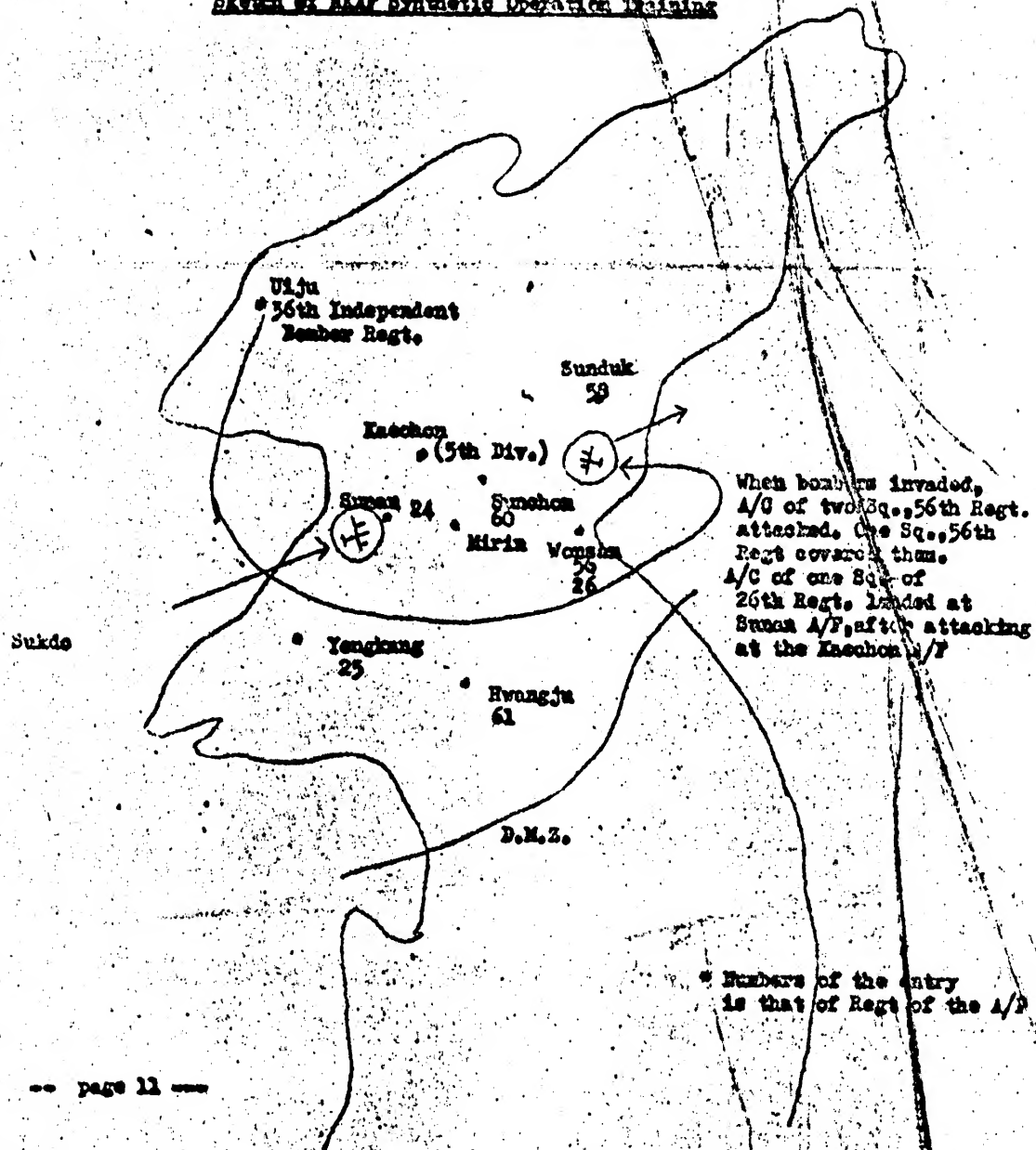


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Sketch of KPAF Synthetic Operation Training



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The information source said that he believe this decision had been adopted after the plenary conference of military personnel subordinated to the NK MOD.

Prior to the decision NK MOD directly received the order from the (Center" (source considers it to be the Central Party Committee).

Consequently, NK MOD had decisive target to establish the complete combat readiness within 1960. For this purpose, every efforts were paid in the followings, prior to the targets to secure the top-level technicians who were mainly trained and politically indoctrinated in the year of 1959.

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<u>DESIGNATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
32 KAF (564th AV):	Area between Mirim and Sadong	
Headquarters, 1st Div.		
60th Regt.	Sunchon	Conversion to MIG scheduled
59th Regt.	Dukchang	
25th Regt.	Sunchon	
Headquarters, 2nd Div. Sundeok		
58th Regt.	Unknown	
26th Regt.	(3675th AV)	
56th Regt.	(867)	
Headquarters, 3rd Div. Hwangju		
57th Regt.	Mirim	Twenty of pilots assigned Graduates allotted in July 1957
61st Regt.	Hwangju	
27th Regt.	P'yongchang	
4th Div. Early in this month disorganized		
36th Indept. Regiment	Wiju	
24th Recon. Regt.	Sunan	
5th Div.		
54th Regt.	Kaesong	
55th Regt.	Kaesong	
Unknown	Unknown	

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Command Sq.	Mirim
Avi. School	Chongjin
MIG branch school	Heamsan

Target of air operation for pilots of 26th Regt., 2nd Div. was to accomplish the training for the two squadron level combat, for new pilots Commanding personnel (higher than flight commander) are to complete the readiness of squadron-level battle.

Personnel:

CG. NKAF Lt. Gen. Choi, Kwang (ex-Dean of Army College)
appointed as of 24 Oct. '58

Deputy CG. (Political) Maj. Gen. Choi, Chong Kwon (former Deputy
Director of Propaganda Dept., Central Party)
younger brother of Choi, Yeng Kwon

Comdr. (flying) Non-assignment

Comdr. (Technical) (surname unknown), Yong Sa

Comdr., 1st Div. Unknown

Comdr., 2nd Div. Senior Col. An, Yong Kuk

Comdr., 3rd Div. Col. Choi, Kee Hyang
(former Comdr., 24th Recon. Regt.)
appointed early in 1959

Comdr., 36th Independent Regt. Unknown

Comdr., 24th Recon. Regt. Unknown

Supintendent, Aviation School: Senior Col. Han, Hae Suk

Supintendent, MIG branch School: Col. Unknown

Comdr., GMS Sq. Senior Col. Pak, Chong Sik

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8. Status of HMAF (based on interrogation up to 24:00, 3 Aug 1960):

a. T-1 (equivalent of JP-4) is supplied in annual allotments, subject to further requisition in case of shortage. For approx. 15 days during the summer of 1958, training had to be interrupted due to exhaustion of fuel stocks.

b. T-1 supply was generally considered adequate, but effort is being made for fuel conservation. Failure to accomplish flight missions becomes a subject for reprimand for "waste of fuel."

c. HMAF A/C were grounded from 22:52, 30 May until 5 June 1960 after an MIG-17 of the 58th Regt, piloted by a 1st Lt (recently re-assigned from 1st Div), crashed on the mountainside during a diving practice. Flight in 1st Div was suspended for approx. one (1) week after this incident

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The entire period of flight suspension, following the MIG-17 crash which took place at 15:00, 25 May 1960, was devoted to technical instruction.

As regards indications of enemy intent to mount attacks against the South, subject stated four (4) fighters were kept on alert, with two (2) on cockpit alert and the other two (2) on strip alert, while additional two (2) squadrons were in stand-by. (Until last year, stand-by consisted of either one (1) squadron or one (1) flight.) At night, two (2) MIG-17 interceptors (referred to as PF ()) were put on alert at the Sondek A/P.

[redacted] the year 1960 was designated by the NKAF as the "Year of Combat Readiness."

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- e. There was a complete absence of training flights on 1 and 2 Aug 1960, owing to a clean-up and pelicing in preparation for the Aug 15 celebrations. In the 5th Div (based at Kaesong/Chang Doeng), a ground snuck-up involving an MIG-15 B18 took place early in July, and a training program of one (1) week's duration was initiated on 1 Aug.
- f. On 3 Aug, four (4) MIG-15s and 11 MIG-15 B18s of the 26th Regt conducted a flight training starting 7:30 hours. Training was resumed at 11:40 hours.
- g. Disposition of NKAF Units:
 - (1). NKAF Headquarters: Halfway between Mirin and Sadong (referred to as 564th AU).

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(2) 1st Div - 60th Regt: Sungh'on (conversion to MIG-19s planned).

- 59th Regt: Puksh'ang.

- 25th Regt: Sungh'on (Tug Bn).

(3) 2nd Div headquarters: Sondok (884th AV).

- 58th Regt: Sondok

- 26th Regt: Wonsan (36875th AV).

- 56th Regt: Wonsan (88- AV).

(4) 3rd Div headquarters: Ewangju (?).

- 57th Regt: Mirim.

- 61st Regt: Ewangju (with 20 new pilots)

- 27th Regt: Yunggang (graduates of July 1957)

(5) 4th Div headquarters: Deactivated early in 1960.

- 35th Independent Regt: Uiju.

- 24th Rescue Regt: Sunan.

(6) 5th Div headquarters: Kaesh'on (?).

- 54th Regt: Kusong

- 55th Regt: Kaesh'on

- w/1 Regt: Location w/k.

(7) GMD Sq: Mirim.

(8) AF Academy located at Ch'angjin (moved from Yenchi in Manchuria in July 1959), with a branch school at Homsun.

h. NKAF Personalities:

(1) CG, NKAF: Lt Gen Choe Kwang, former Superintendent,

NIA University; assumed command 24 Oct 1958.

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- (2) Deputy CG, NKAF (Political): Maj Gen Choe Chang Ken, younger brother of Choe Yong Kwon; formerly propaganda chief, party Central Committee.
- (3) Deputy CG, NKAF (Flying): Vacant.
- (4) Deputy CG, NKAF (Technical): Maj Gen Kim Ung Soe.
- (5) CG, 1st Div: w/k.
- (6) Cdr, 2nd Div: Sr Col An Yong Keok
- (7) Cdr, 3rd Div: Col Choe Ki Hyung, formerly Co, 24th Recon Regt; appointed Div Cdr last year.
- (8) Cdr, CMB Sq: Sr Col Pak Chong Sik.
- (9) Superintendent, Air Officers Academy: Sr Col Han Tae Sook
Chief, branch schools: Col (r).

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Equipment

Item	Qty	Description	
1.	1	Parachute, C-3 Type	50X1-HUM
2.	1	Lift kit	
3.	1	Receiver, -5, 2-57x.	
4.	1	Microphone mouthpiece, KM-16	50X1-HUM
5.	1	Passbook wallet.	
6.	1	Pistol	
7.	2	Magazines	
8.	14	Pistol ammo.	
9.	1	Pilot's suit.	
10.	1 pair	Drawers	
11.	1	T-shirt.	
12.	1	Belt.	
13.	1 pair	Flight boots	
14.	1 pair	Stocks	

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